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National Young Farmers Coalition to hold Young Farmer Roundtables to urge members of Congress to support young farmers in the farm bill process
Events enable young farmers to give direct input on their needs to members of the House Agriculture Committee

HUDSON, NY (Aug. 3, 2017) – The National Young Farmers Coalition ([NYFC](#)) is holding Young Farmers Roundtables this August to give young farmers the chance to express their needs directly to members of Congress who serve on the House Agriculture Committee. The announcement was made by Lindsey Lusher Shute, NYFC’s executive director and co-founder.

“As Congress begins to debate the next farm bill, now is a critical time for young farmers to make their voices heard,” said Shute, who recently presented [testimony](#) on young farmers’ needs to the Senate’s Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

On August 14th, young farmers in Pennsylvania will meet with Congressman Glenn Thompson (R-PA-05), who serves as vice chair of the House Agriculture Committee. The group will conduct a tour of Heritage Farm in Ridgway, PA, followed by a roundtable discussion with owner Peter Burns and a panel of local young farmers.

In Gray, GA, on August 15th, Bobby and Chelsea Jones, heads of the [Middle Georgia Young Farmers Coalition](#), will welcome Congressman Austin Scott (R-GA-08), and a panel of local young farmers, as well as members of the community, to a roundtable discussion at the Tri-County EMC Community Room.

Shute said, “Young farmers participating in these events will speak to their challenges as young agricultural entrepreneurs, including land access, credit access, and student loan debt, and ask for their Congressional representatives’ support in the farm bill process.” She noted that community members are urged to attend the events to show the Members of Congress that young farmer support is crucial to their communities. For further information about NYFC roundtables, please contact shelly@youngfarmers.org.

The National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC) is an advocacy network of farmers fighting for the future of agriculture. Visit NYFC on the web at www.youngfarmers.org, and on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

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